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AS the Society of Grub-ſtreet conſiſts of, and holds a conſtant correſpondence with, perſons of all Profeſſions, it endeavours to manifeſt an equal regard towards all. It looks upon the compariſon and preference of one Profeſſion to another as ill-grounded and invidious; and upon cenſorious reflections on the Profeſſors in general of any, as ill-mannered and odious. On which account, the following *Diſſertation* might juſtly have been ſuppreſſed: but to give a freſh inſtance of the impartiality of the tranſactions at the Pegaſus, it is here publiſhed, with the addition of five or ſix notes.

To Mr. BAVIUS, Secretary of the Society of Grub-ſtreet.

SIR,

IF you will inſert the incloſed Diſſertation in your next *Journal*, I believe it will be well received by the publick.

UPON lately reviſing ſome Treatiſes againſt the Inoculation of the Small-pox (notwithſtanding the [1] ſurprizing ſucceſs it has met with, and the evident benefit it will be to the generality of mankind) it naturally led me to look back into the hiſtory of Phyſick, to ſee how injuriouſly divers uſeful diſcoveries in the *Materia Medica* were treated at their firſt appearance in the world; as alſo with what unwillingneſs people have been prevailed upon to reform ancient errors, tho' never ſo contradictory to experience and common ſenſe. What I could ſay upon this ſubject, would exceed the narrow bounds of your Paper: I ſhall therefore [2] confine my obſervations into a compaſs conformable to it.

'Tis no new thing for [3] Churchmen to engage in diſputes of all kinds, how foreign ſoever from their Profeſſion; but there is this miſchievous conſequence uſually attending it, they ſeldom fail to ſupport the Cauſe they eſpouſe, by bringing religion into the controverſy: and as they are ſure, by that means, to make ſtrong impreſſions on the minds of the ignorant, (which is much the greateſt part of mankind) they generally have the advantage in numbers and noiſe; and in [4] this we may affirm, Prieſts of all perſuaſions are the ſame: I will inſtance three remarkable Caſes, among divers others, to confirm what I have ſaid.

1. About the beginning of the 16th Century, PETER BRISSOT, a learned French Phyſician, took upon him to explode a ridiculous eſtabliſhed practice, derived from the Arabians, (but expreſly contrary to HIPPOCRATES and GALEN) of bleeding in pleuretick caſes only in the oppoſite arm. During his abode in Portugal, this raiſed a ſort of civil war among the Phyſicians of that nation: one DENYS, the firſt of the Faculty, began, in violent terms, to decry what he looked upon as an innovation: divers books were written, with great animoſity, on both ſides of the queſtion. The Prieſts were not wanting to exert their utmoſt power in defence of the old practice: and altho' the matter was referred to the ſerious examination of the Academy of Salamanca, they were in ſuch furious haſte to have the new doctrine condemned, that, in conjunction with the Phyſicians of their party, they drew up an appeal for that purpoſe, to the Emperor CHARLES V. A. D. 1529, wherein they affirmed it to be mortal, impious, and heretical, and were very near obtaining an Imperial mandate in their favour.

2. 'Tis well known among the learned, what feuds aroſe upon the firſt introducing the uſe of Antimony into the practice of Phyſick. At that time one VALENTINE, a Monk, in a very wealthy Convent, and a great pretender to the Philoſopher's ſtone, happening to throw ſome remains of *ſtibium* into the hogs trough, upon drinking the ſwill, it ſcowered them briſkly; and ſoon after they looked more ſleek than uſual, and fell to their food with an extraordinary appetite. Upon this obſervation, he took it into his head to give a plentiful doſe to each of his Brethren, who (as every [5] Profeſſion has its peculiar diſtemper) were generally labouring under that of a Plethora, but it being unſkilfully adminiſtred, very tragical effects enſued; for moſt of the holy fraternity died in the operation. Upon this, the whole Prieſthood began to preach againſt the uſe of this mineral, upon pain of damnation: and, to render it more odious, gave it the name of [6] *Anti-moine*, inſtead of *Stibium*, by which it had always been known 'till that time. In ſhort, they left no ſtone unturned, 'till they prevailed upon the Parliament of Paris to prohibit the uſe of it in any ſhape or form, by a Decree, A. D. 1566. in conſequence of which, one BESNIER, a Phyſician of great note, was expelled the Faculty for having preſcribed it.

3. *Quinquina*, that moſt noble and uſeful drug in medicine, was not known to our part of the world before the year 1640. 'Twas brought over from the Weſt-Indies by the Jeſuits, and firſt publickly exhibited to the poor by CARDINAL DE LUGO, and is mentioned to his honour, as a very expenſive inſtance of generoſity, for it was very ſcarce and dear. But notwithſtanding all theſe favourable circumſtances in its behalf, two conceited Phyſicians, CHIFFLET and PEMPLIUS, to appear ſignificant in the world, began to write againſt it. Their books no ſooner were publiſhed, but a [7] pert pragmatical Prieſt came into the ſquabble, and armed with the [8] uſual weapons of his function, undertook to prove the adminiſtring of it to be a mortal ſin. But more of this another time.

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1. This *ſurprizing ſucceſs*, and *evident benefit* are ſtill matters of diſpute. The Queſtion, with reſpect to *Inoculation* ſeems to be this, Whether it is proper to give a perſon a diſeaſe, in an artificial way, of which he may poſſibly die, in order to prevent his having it in a natural way, which he may poſſibly never have; and of which, if he have it, he may probably recover?

2. This Gentleman has *confined* his *obſervations* to *bounds*, *narrower* by a third part, than he need have done.

3. This *obſervation* is *confined* within too *narrow* a *compaſs*; and might have been juſtly extended to thoſe who are not *Church-men*.

4. To what *This* refers, is very difficult to diſcover. *Lawyers* and *Phyſicians* are as much *the ſame* in their own proper way, as *Prieſts* are in theirs; ſtrive to make the *myſterious* part of their Profeſſions equally ſubſervient to their intereſt; and equally endeavour to get *numbers* and *noiſe* on their ſide, tho' perhaps, as this Gentleman obſerves, not with equal ſucceſs.

5. This I believe is a miſtake; for I think experience ſhews, that the Sages, both of the Robe, and of the Faculty, are as ſubject to a *Plethora*, as thoſe of the Gown.

6. This etymology is found in a German manuſcript, quoted by M Perrault in his *Rabat-joye de l'Antimoine*. Some aſſert, that this original is fabulous; and derive the word from the Arabic *achiman*, of which they form *achmadium*, and from thence *antimoine*, or *antimony*.

7. It is probable theſe *conceited Phyſicians* were *pert and pragmatical*, as well as the *Prieſt* and then they were all three upon a level: where all three Profeſſions ought at leaſt to be placed, as to their learning, probity, and uſefulneſs to mankind. —However, let the uſefulneſs of this *noble Drug*, firſt introduced by *Prieſts*, attone for the *pragmaticalneſs* of one who oppoſed it.

8. This Gentleman would have done well to have mentioned and compared *the uſual weapons of* the three *Functions*.

Mr. BAVIUS,

I Have a great veneration for your ingenious Society; and ſhould eſteem being enrolled a Member, above the honour of a Lambeth degree. Your Journals I much admire; which (as indeed every Paper of late) give us accounts of the magnificent feaſts and diverſions, with which our Nobility ſtrive to outdo each other, in regaling the illuſtrious Stranger now in Town.

In return, I ſhall give you a relation of the Duke of BUCKINGHAM's reception at the Court of France, when Ambaſſador extraordinary from K. CHARLES II. in the year 1670. What I ſend you is copied from a Paper, which I found ſome time ago in the cloſet of an old deceaſed kinſman, who was a Courtier in that polite reign, and went over with his Grace on that occaſion. But the better to ſupport the authority of my manuſcript, let us take along with us what Mr. EACHARD ſays on that affair; which in his own words is, 'The DUKE was received at 'the French Court with all poſſible demonſtrations of 'eſteem and favour. All the forces about Paris were 'drawn up and exerciſed in his preſence; Maſks and 'Balls, Comedies and Operas were prepared; and likewiſe a repreſentation of a ſea-fight in the canal of Verſailles, all for his diverſion; and the KING gave him 'divers rich preſents, and made a publick feaſt on St. 'LEWIS's day, principally upon his account.' The Ambaſſador himſelf, in a letter to the Earl of ARLINGTON, dated Auguſt the 15th, 1670, tells him, 'If I had had 'the good fortune to bring my Lord FALCONBRIDGE's 'Secretary along with me, he would have entertained 'your Lordſhip with a whole ſheet of paper, full of the 'particulars of my reception; for I have had more honours done me, than ever were given to any ſubject. So far the Hiſtorian.

Now to the manuſcript; which begins with the exerciſe of the Gens d'arms, conſiſting of 30,000 men, all very richly accouter'd, theſe military divertiſements took up 3 days: the 1ſt in ſtorming the Fort Sabonaire; the 2d in repreſenting the battle of Lans; the 3d in military revelling, the KING treating his whole army with a magnificent dinner, and allowing to each ſoldier 3 bottles of wine.—The night after, was acted a Play in a cypreſs grove near Verſailles, by 20 Marquiſſes and 10 Ladies of great quality. The frames of the ſeats were covered with ſilver, and the ſtage with a cloth of tiſſue. The ſeats were made of poliſhed ebony; the cuſhions of crimſon ſattin embroidered. There were 100 performers on inſtrumental muſick; and the vocal conſiſted of women and eunuchs, each one hundred. The place was illuminated by near 500 chryſtal candleſticks, each holding 24 candles. —— The ſucceeding night was ſpent on the water, which was a moſt glorious ſight, hardly to be equalled. The KING's Brigantine was rowed by 100 Blacks, in rich habits: Their waiſtcoats were cloth of ſilver, breeches crimſon ſattin embroidered: They had ſilk ſtockings, and ſandals of ſattin laced; red ſattin caps covered with plumes of a white and red mixture; they were locked to the benches with ſilver chains; between each 2 was fixed a flambeau of twelve inches circumference. On the poop was placed a maſſy ſilver ſtatue of Neptune on the back of a Dolphin; in one hand he held the KING's ſtandard, in the other (a token of ſubjection) his trident reverſed. On the ſtern was the KING's ſtatue of the ſame rich metal, but embelliſhed with jewels of great value; one hand contained a terreſtrial globe, the other a naked ſword. The royal chair, covered with gold and enamelled, was raiſed upon 3 aſcents, and the rich canopy over it was ſupported by 12 ſilver ſtatues repreſenting the 12 Peers of France. The DAUPHIN ſate on the KING's right hand, the Duke of BUCKINGHAM on his left. Next followed the QUEEN's barge, rowed by 50 Spaniards; then the DAUPHIN's, rowed by 50 Flemings; and then the Dukes, by as many Hollanders; on the poop of which was placed the figure of a *Dutchman*, aſtride on a red herring, holding in one hand a piece of Poor-John, in the other ſome bread and butter. After theſe followed 50 Noblemens barges, with 12 oars each. On the ſhore ſtood 500 trumpets, with 100 kettle-drums. On the banks of the river were fixed 2000 flambeaux. The fireworks play'd for 4 hours, with ſuch amazing brightneſs, that the very ſkies ſeemed to be in flames. ——— The ſucceeding night his Grace was entertained by the KING at Fountainbleau with a ball and banquet, in Pavilions. The firſt tent was hung with ſilver tiſſue; and the dancing-place with purple velvet embroidered with ſilver. The ſeats were of Braſil; and the cuſhions of cloth of gold. The muſick conſiſted of 100 violins, and the illumination was 50 ſilver candleſticks, holding 4 lights a piece. Another tent was hung with crimſon velvet, embroidered with gold, and deep gold fringes; in this were 50 ſilver branches double hatched, and each containing 48 candleſticks. The wax of which the tapers were made, was mixed up with civet and ambergreaſe. The tables were of burniſhed ſilver, and the banquet ſerved up on plates of maſſy gold. The ſweetmeats were the choiceſt that France and Italy could furniſh, and in ſuch profuſion, that after the Court (which conſiſted of 1000 perſons) were ſufficed, there was as much of the deſert left as 500 men could carry off, which the KING ordered to be thrown amongſt the commonalty. The tents were all covered with cedar. The Courtiers dreſſes were ſuitable to the occaſion. His Majeſty had a very rich ſuit on, the buttons of which were exceeding fine pearls. His ſword and belt were ſet with pearls and diamonds, to the value of 40,000 piſtoles, of which he made a preſent to the DUKE before all that noble aſſembly. —— Here the narrative is much defaced, and not further legible. However, I fancy on the peruſal of this, the eyes of your readers will be no longer dazzled with the glaring accounts of the many ſumptuous feaſts made for his SERENE HIGHNESS, who will probably be one day the Firſt Prince in Europe: when they find by this relation, what exceeding polite and expenſive entertainments, mixt with the higheſt magnificence and honours, were given in the laſt Century, even to a ſubject of England. I am, Mr. BAVIUS,

From the North, Your very humble ſervant,
Dec. 9, 1731. COLUNIUS.

EPIGRAM *on a famous Phyſician being call'd out of Church.*

Whilſt holy pray'rs to Heav'n were made,
One ſoon was heard, and anſwer'd too:
Save us from ſudden death was ſaid;
And ſtrait from Church Sir ——withdrew. BAVIUS.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Courant.*
P. *Poſt-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
E P. *Evening Poſt.*
S J. *S. James's Evening Poſt.*
WE. *Whiteball Evening P.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *Dec.* 16.

Yeſterday Sir Charles Wager waited on his Majeſty at S. James's, and met with a very gracious reception, and had the honour of kiſſing his Majeſty's hand, on his being made a Peer of the realm of Great Britain. *D J.*

Yeſterday morning was held at Weſtminſter the Gen. Quarter Seſſions of Peace; when Sir John Gonſon, their Chairman, gave a moſt elegant and learned charge to the Grand Jury on that occaſion. *C.*

On tueſday came on the election of a Lecturer for the united pariſhes of S. Peter's and S. Bennet Paul's Wharf, when the Rev. Dr. Watkinſon was choſen: he had 44 votes, and the Rev. Mr. Grainger 31. *D P.*

On tueſday laſt, at a precinct meeting, Valentine Grimſtead was choſen Common-Council man of the Ward of Caſtle Baynard, by a great majority, in the room of Mr. Dep. Tomlinſon, who has reſign'd. *L E.*

We hear that his Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to write with his own hand, a letter to the moſt Chriſtian King, in behalf of the 3 Engliſh Gentlemen in arreſt at the city of Tours in France, on account of a rencounter that happened there the 20th ult. N. S. in which an Italian loſt his life. *S J.* —— *Theſe* 3 Engliſh Gentlemen, *I am told, are* 2 Iriſh, *a d* 2 Scotch.

Extract of a letter from Blandford. —— The moſt conſiderable perſons of our town (which are many as to circumſtances) propoſe an equal ſhare of the contribution with us poor ruinous ſufferers. We therefore perſuade ourſelves, that the benefactors of the great Metropolis, as alſo thoſe of other places, will, as ſoon as this reaches their knowledge, be ſo good to conſider, and order how, and in what manner, and to what ſort of people their benefactions ſhall be applied —— N. B. It is remarkably obſervable, that a poor fellow within 3 miles borrowed half a crown for our relief, when the collection was made, which he payed: and it is to be conſidered, whether a labouring man of 10d. a day, would borrow half a crown, to give to a man worth 3 or 4000 l. *W E.*

FRIDAY, *Dec.* 17.

Yeſterday the Hon. Sir Cha. Wager came to the Admiralty Office from Portſmouth, and immediately went to Court, &c. *P.* —— At noon he arrived at the Admiralty Office; where, after a ſhort ſtay, he ſet out for his houſe at Parſon's Green, and this day he will wait on his Majeſty. ——— There are alſo arrived with Sir Cha. 2 Ambaſſadors from the Court of the Emperor of Morocco. *C.* —— An Ambaſſador from the Dey of Algiers. *P.*

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the L. Glenorchy to be his Ambaſſador extraord. and Plenipotentiary to the Court of the Empreſs of Ruſſia. *D J.* And to nominate the Rev. Dr. Clagget, Dean of Rocheſter, to the Biſhoprick of S. David's. *P.*

We are aſſured that the R. Hon. the E. of Crawford will be choſen one of the 16 Peers of Scotland. *P.* —— His Grace the D. of Norfolk hath laid aſide the Hazard table at his Grace's aſſembly every wedneſday night. *D P.*

Mr. Sam. Hughes ſucceeds Mr. Hinman, deceaſed, as Deputy Comptroller in the Exciſe Office, a place worth about 180 l. per ann. *D P.* ——— Mr. Sharp, an Upholſter, ſucceeds Mr. Overs, deceas'd, as Beadle of S. Bride's, a place worth about 100 l. per ann. *D P.*

We hear from Eton, that the 2d ſon of the Earl Waldegrave, being one day this week in the fields ſhooting birds, the piece unluckily burſt in the diſcharge, and one of the ſplinters wounded him in the face. *D P.* ——— One of the ſplinters took his noſe clear from his face. *S J. Dec.* 16.

SATURDAY, *Dec.* 18.

It was lately ſaid in ſome of the News-papers, that the R. Hon. the E. of Selkirk was appointed Principal Secretary of State for North Britain; we are well aſſured, that that place has not been filled up ſince his Grace the D. of Roxborough officiated, in the reign of K. George I. and has ever ſince been under the care of his Majeſty's Principal Secretary for the North Province, now his Grace the D. of Newcaſtle. *C.*

Yeſterday Sir Cha. Wager waited on their Majeſties at S. James's, &c. *P.* ——— The Right Hon. Sir Charles, &c. *C.*

On thurſday night about 11, the Lady of the R. Hon. Hen. Bridges, Marq. of Carnarvon, ſon and heir to his Grace the D. of Chand s, was happily delivered of a ſon (who by courteſy is ſtiled L. Wilton) to the inexpreſſible joy of that noble family. *D P. P.*

On thurſday was held a Court of Directors of the Bank of England, in which the terms on which the Grocers Company would lengthen the leaſe of their hall to the Bank were conſidered and rejected. And they determined to reaſſume their former deſign of building a new Bank on their eſtate in Threadneedle-ſtreet. *D J.* —— Yeſterday at a Court of Directors of the South-Sea Company, the chief Mate of the Prince William, lately arrived, was examined in relation to their private trade; and upon his making an ample diſcovery of ſome irregularities they have reſolved to proſecute the offenders. *D P.*

On thurſday Mr. Beachcroft, late of Cheapſide, Goldſmith, (a Gentleman of a great eſtate) was married to Miſs Beachcroft of Wandſworth, a young Lady of great merit, and 10,000 l. fortune. *D P.*

The building of the ſtabling in the Meuſe at Charingcroſs, is ordered to be diſcontinued 'till the ſpring. *L E.*

Mr. Langley has lately made a caſcade with artificial Rockwork, &c. which are ſaid to vaſtly exceed every thing of thoſe kinds that hath been yet done by any in this kingdom. ——— On wedneſday night Mr. Langley arrived from Temple Newſham in Yorkſhire, at his laboratory for making ſtone ornaments, &c. in Southwark. *L E.* —— *It is a great pity, that* ingenuity *ſhould find it neceſſary thus to* puff *and* adverti ſe *itſelf into fame.*

MONDAY, *Dec.* 20.

Yeſterday morning the Rev. Dr. George preached before their Majeſties, his Royal Highneſs the Prince, &c. and the Rev. Dr. Hatton before his Royal Highneſs the Duke, &c. *C.* —— On ſaturday Sir Cha. Wager was at Court to ſhew their Majeſties, &c. the preſent he received from the King of Spain, being his Catholick Majeſty's picture ſet in diamonds, worth upwards of 5000 l. *D P.*

We hear from Briſtol, that at a great meeting of many eminent Merchants and Gentlemen of that City, who had ſubſcribed towards erecting an equeſtrian ſtatue to the memory of our great Deliverer K. William III. it was propoſed by ſome in company to ſet up the ſtatue of his preſent Majeſty in his ſtead; which cauſed great debates, but was carried for K. William by a great majority; conſidering him, as the ſole author of the many great bleſſings and happineſs that we now enjoy under his preſent Majeſty. *C.* —— *I wiſh theſe* eminent Merchants and Gentlemen *had given a reaſon for their preference of* K. William's ſtatue *to* K. George's, *which had not been a contradiction in terms.*

On ſaturday laſt the Rev. Mr. Sam. Green, M. A. was nominated by the R. Hon. the L. Chancellor, to be one of the Prebendaries in the Cathedral Church of Worceſter. *P.* —— Mr. Ric. Griffith is appointed one of the Surveyors of the Window-lights in Middleſex. *D P.*

TUESDAY, *Dec.* 21.

Yeſterday the Ambaſſador from the Emperor of Morocco, who lately arrived with Sir Cha. Wager, came to Court, and had audience of his Majeſty. *C.*—*Dover, Dec.* 19. Yeſterday morning landed here, his Excellency Monſ. Le Marquis Chevaine, Embaſſador from his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty, &c. *P.* Yeſterday he came to town, and hath taken lodgings near the Red Lyon tavern in Pall-Mall. *D P.* —— The Marq. de Chavigny. *L E.*

We hear that the L. Viſc. Dunkeron, Mr. Kinnerſly, and Mr. Stuart, the 3 Gentlemen that were laid in irons at Tours in France, on account of a perſon's being killed in a rencounter with Enſign Hamilton in that city on S. Andrew's day laſt, were all brought priſoners under a ſtrong guard to Paris. *D P.*

Yeſterday morning 10 Malefactors were executed at Tyburn, viz. Patrick Nowland, Will. Trevor and Rob. Nowland, for burglary; Sam. Cole, Edw. Payne, Geo. Maſon, Jam. Dortman, John Rogers, Tho. Woolcot, and John Norman, for ſeveral ſtreet-robberies The body of Patrick Nowland was delivered to the Surgeons. *C.* —— The ſame day a man (who was an evidence laſt Seſſions againſt 2 of the Malefactors executed at Tyburn) was committed to Newgate, for robbing a Gentleman laſt ſunday night on the highway. —— The reward for apprehending 7 of the Malefactors executed yeſterday, is ordered to be paid forthwith out of the Exchequer. *D J.*

Laſt night (for the firſt time) London bridge appeared moſt glorioufly illuminated by the addition of 19 globular lights to the 7 convex, which they only had before, generouſly ſubſcribed for by the inhabitants; and it ſhews the emulation of the Citizens to vie with each other in this reſpect, Cornhill, part of Cheapſide, Friday-ſtreet and Newgate-ſtreet, having, for ſome time paſt, ſet this laudable example, which all muſt own will greatly contribute to prevent the robberies ſo very frequent in this city. *D P.*

Laſt week the Univerſity of Cambridge (for preventing diſorders, and ſecuring the performance of regular exerciſe in Lent, uſually ſtiled the wrangling Term) ordered by a vote, in full Senate, that the exerciſe ſhould be performed in that, at the ſame hours and days as in the other terms; and that 10 l. extraordinary ſhould be allowed to each of the Moderators, for their trouble therein annually, out of the Univerſity cheſt; and 2 s. paid by every one who takes the degrees of Batchelor, or Maſter of Arts, for deſraying the ſame. *D J.*

Yeſterday died John Olmius, Eſq; Dep. Governor of the Bank of England. *D J.* In the morning. *P.* About 1 in the afternoon. *C.* Mr. Almeare an eminent Merchant in the Old Jury. *D P.* ——— On thurſday laſt died at his houſe in York, the Rev. Dr. Tho. Colton, an eminent diſſenting Miniſter. *D P.*

Briſtol, Dec. 18. The Corporation of this City having reſolved to erect an equeſtrian ſtatue of K. William III. of immortal memory, in the ſquare; at a meeting of the incorporated Society of Merchant Adventurers of this City, in their hall laſt tueſday, a motion was made by Mr. Freke, that a Committee, as from this Hall, ſhall wait on the Corporation of Briſtol, to deſire a piece of ground to erect an Equeſtrian Statue of King George II. and this Hall to contribute 1000 l. towards it. The ſame was ſtrenuouſly oppoſed by moſt of the Gentlemen of the Corporation, Members of that Society; and after warm debates, the previous queſtion being put, whether the queſtionſhould be now put, it paſs'd in the negative. *L E.* A motion was then made by a Gentleman of the Corporation, that this Hall do contribute a ſum towards erecting the Statue of King William III. and, after the previous Queſtion was put, it was reſolved in the affirmative, Nemine Contradicente, and the ſum given was 300 l. *L E. S J. W E.* —— *Are not* thoſe Briſtol Gentlemen, *as juſtly chargeable with ingratitude towards* K. George, *as* the Common-Council of London *towards* K. William?

Sir Charles Wager and Sir John Jennings are not to be created Peers of Great Britain as hath been reported. *S J.*

WEDNESDAY, *Dec.* 22.

The Marquis de Chavigny, who is lately arrived from France, in the quality of Ambaſſador in ordinary from his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty, has taken up his lodgings at the houſe of Mr. L'Sere, a French Peruke-maker, 'till ſuch time as the houſe of the late Count de Broglio can be fitted up for his reception. *C.*

Yeſterday morning early 70 Felons convicts were ſent from Newgate, in order to be tranſported to his Majeſty's plantations in America. *Ibid.*

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Downes, Lord Biſhop of Londonderry, died a few days at his Epiſcopal palace in Ireland. *D P.*

Yeſterday at the Wardmote held at St. Sepulchre's church, before the R. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman of the Ward of Farringdon without: The following perſons were elected, viz.

For St. Sepulchre's.	For St. Dunſtan's.
Mr. Maſters.	Deputy Child.
Mr. Johnſon.	Mr. Holloway.
Mr. Partington.	Mr. Innocent.
Mr. Crutchfield.	For St. Brides.
Mr. Walmſly.	Mr. Ketteriche.
Mr. Pratt.	Mr. Arnold.
For St. Andrew's.	Mr. Page.
Deputy Chillingworth.	For Ludgate.
Mr. Naſh.	Mr. Holiday.
	Mr. Chaplyn.

Which are all the ſame as laſt Year, except Mr. Crutchfield and Mr. Walmſly, who are in the room of Mr. Dobbyns and Mr. Bott, deceaſed. *D P.*

It is remarkable that in this, and moſt of the other Wards of this City, the ſame perſons were elected as voted againſt the reading of the Petition for erecting the Equeſtrian Statue of King William. *D P.*

There was a conſiderable ſtruggle in Caſtle Baynard Ward, five againſt five; when, after a Poll and ſcrutiny, the old Common-Council men carry'd it. *D P.*

Laſt Night the Poll for Common-Council Men clos'd for the Ward of Cheap, on caſting up the books the numbers were as follows, viz.

Henry Watts	116	William Davies	125
Edward Tay	124	Rob. Kendall, Dep.	124
Thomas Wright	145	Frederick Stanton	122
Joſeph Bourne	123	John Hanbury	125
George Arnold	127	Samuel Aſhurſt	124
John Spillet	126	Allen Webb	98
Thomas Port	125	George Verney	89

The twelve firſt Gentlemen were declared duly elected. And it is not doubted, but they will all very punctually perform, as they honeſtly promiſed in their liſt, to be ready to receive any Petition that may be offered by their Fellow Citizens. *D P. D J.*

Caſtle-Baynard Ward, Common Council Men oppoſed.		Their Opponents	
On the Poll		Mr. Peachey	123
Mr. Valentine Grimſtead	153	Mr. Perkins	128
Mr. Trubey	140	Mr. Cleare	111
Mr. Belchier	153	Mr. Williamſon	124
Mr. Innys	143	Mr. Atkinſon	110
Mr Williams	147		

A Scrutiny was demanded for the laſt mentioned Gentlemen. *P.*

For Cripplegate Ward without, the 4 old members were declared by the Alderman to have the majority of hands,

viz. Mr. Richard Farington, Deputy, Mr. William Meredith, Mr. William Cooper, and Mr. John Detton; on which a Poll was demanded, and granted for Mr. Thomas Tew, againſt the whole liſt. *C.*

Yeſterday, at the election of Common-Council men for Walbrook Ward, the following perſons were Candidates, and on the poll had the numbers here under:

* Mr. Robert Peirce	103	Michael Hillerſdon, Eſq;	59
* Mr. John Shorthazell	88	* Mr. Robert Henſhaw	75
* Mr. John Hill	89	Mr. James Dargent	58
* Mr. Dep. Sa. Keynton	95	Mr. Thomas Browne	50
* Mr. William Wilkins	91	Mr. Edward Faulkner	66
* Mr. William Farmer	88	Mr. William Arnold	64
Mr. Hezekiah Walker	74	Mr. James Armſon	51
* Mr. Thomas Sims	75		

Thoſe marked with [*] were declared; but a ſcrutiny was demanded, and granted for Mr. Walker, to commence the 12 inſt.

N. B. Mr. Pierce was in both liſts. *D P.*

Andover, Dec. 8. Laſt ſunday, Col. Smith, of Tidworth, near Marlborough, a Gentleman of 5000 l. per ann. ſhot himſelf thro' the head, at the White Hart Inn in this town. *W E. Dec.* 21.

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

Our Correſpondents, who ſend us Latin verſes, are deſired not to uſe ſo great a Poetical Licence for the future.

The Society did not think proper to order the publication, either of the Letter from Oxford, concerning the *Veneranda Capita*, or that from Cambridge, containing the *Pariſiana*.

SIR, *Bury, Dec* 9, 1731.

I Am a Clergyman of the County of Suffolk, who, with ſome of my Brethren, are generally once a year very agreeably entertained by the young Gentlemen of Bury ſchool, with a Latin and Engliſh Play; which are particularly diverting to thoſe of our cloth, becauſe the Scholars act vaſtly better than any common company; and if they are excelled at the theatres in London, you know by the tyranny of cuſtom, we are excluded from the moſt rational diverſion that was ever yet invented. About a week ago *Ignoramus* and *The Conſtant Couple* were acted here: the former with very great ſucceſs; and the latter, conſidering how difficult a Play it is, very well: nay, the part of WILDAIR, which, as Farqueher ſays, *may trip to the Jubilee, whenever* Mr. WILKS *reſigns it*, was received with univerſal applauſe. The advantages of acting to the young Gentlemen muſt, I am ſure, be very great: it not only gives them a decent aſſurance in all publick exerciſes; but it is the beſt method of inſtructing them how to give the proper emphaſis and paſſion to every thing they read or ſpeak; in which the Engliſh are generally ſo deficient, that we of the Clergy are ſaid to be the beſt writers of ſermons, but the worſt preachers of any in Europe. Now here's a report, that theſe diverſions are henceforward to be laid aſide; for what reaſon I know not: the only one I ever heard given, was, that it takes the young Gentlemen off from more uſeful ſtudies. But this I entirely deny; for tho' it ſhould hinder them from their common exerciſes for a month, or ſo, (which I am told it does not) yet the advantages already mentioned would more than overballance the loſs of time, were it thrice as long. But, it is ſaid, this is ſo far from the caſe, that they only employ thoſe hours in getting their parts, which, perhaps, would be ſpent in ſhuttle-cock, or chuck-farthing. Sir, I have given you my reaſons why I think this cuſtom of acting ſhould be continued: and as I know they are the ſentiments of a great many others, as well as myſelf; if they are yours likewiſe, I deſire you to print them. And, to induce you to do it more readily, I have ſent you an *Epilogue*; which, as it is not ſpoken, will be new to thoſe who ſaw the Play; and as it does all the honour due to the poetical character of an illuſtrious Member of your Society, I fancy it will be not unacceptable at the *Pegaſus*. It fell into my hands by accident; the reaſon of its not being ſpoken, was, as I'm told, that ſome other Gentlemen had preſented the Scholars with an *Epilogue* before this was received. I am, Sir, &c.

P. S. Pray Mr. BAVIUS, be ſo good as to inform us whether we are to underſtand Maſter DULLMAN literally, when he talks of the death of our LAUREAT; or whether only the Poet being dead, the Actor ſtill ſurvives?

An Epilogue to *Ignoramus*, deſign'd, but not ſpoken.

Enter DULLMAN with a crown of Bays in his hand.

HArk you? d'ye hear the news? poor C—b—r's dead,
And I'm appointed LAUREAT in his ſtead.
View here the Bays, that erſt his temples bound,
With which as *great* a *Genius* * now is crown'd.
Pray look ye, Sirs, nothing e'er fitted more:
I thought our *heads* were juſt *alike* before.

* Puts it on.

But hah! what's this that rolls within my breaſt?
Is it ſome Deity I feel impreſt?
'Tis he himſelf; —— that energy divine,
Which pond'rous mov'd thro' each Keyberian line.

Well then, ſince now both place and Muſe I've got,
'Tis fit by me his epitaph be wrote:
For ev'n I ſhou'd bluſh to have it known,
That any Muſe had ſung him, — but his own.

Firſt then, let's ſee in what triumphant lays,
The mighty Bard reſounded BRUNSWICK's praiſe:

† 'With ſong, ye Britons, lead the day,
'Sing, ſing the morn that gave him breath,
'Whoſe virtues never ſhall decay,
'No, never — never taſte of death.

Oh! glorious lines! — thus whilom ſung the Sire;
The words already all my ſoul inſpire:
My teeming fancy labours into birth,
And thus at laſt the *filial* flames break forth.

With tears, ye Britons, bathe the day,
Weep, weep, that C——y is no more;
Altho' his fame ſhall ne'er decay,
No ne'er, ne'er worſe —— than 'twas before.

So now, I hope, you'll own that I excell,
In the Keyberian way of writing well;
What eaſy flow of verſe! what *lambent* fire!
What ſweet *vacuity* of thought conſpire!
'Tis true, the ſubject is a little ſad,
But all my tears are †† *Attic ſalt egad.*
I'll on then, and if PHOEBUS is no fibber,
You ſoon ſhall find that I'll out-c-b-r C——r.

† Takes out the Birth-day Ode, and reads. †† Cant words of C——r's.

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This day is publiſhed, price 2 pence, in the Hyp-Doctor, &c. ſold by J. Roberts, &c. Where *may not* be had many former numbers of the Hyp-Doctor; therefore look ſharp, my Maſters, and catch up this for your own ſakes: take my word for't. *D J. Dec.* 7.

Hot! hot! Piping hot! Smoking hot!
Take 'em, whilſt they may *be got:*
If you don't, they ſoon may not:
Take my word for't: *Hot! hot! hot!*

Dublin, Dec. 7. The Ridotto opened laſt monday about 9, where there was a very great aſſembly, and all perſons of diſtinction were very much delighted with this diverſion, which did not break up 'till 4 next morning. —— By letters from Drogheda we are informed, that there is a project on foot to take in ſubſcriptions for erecting a fine ſtatue of the glorious and *immortal* King William on a very ſpacious plain near the banks of the river Boyne. *C.* Where he moſt couragiouſly expoſed his ſacred perſon, and gained a compleat victory over K. James's army. *C. D J. Dec.* 18. —— Viro immortali, *on the pedeſtal of* Lewis XIVth's *ſtatue, was cenſured here as a profane piece of flattery.* — *Dec.* 9. We are informed by a Gentleman of great veracity and candour, who lives in Belfaſt, and left it laſt wedneſday, that there lives in Mill-ſtreet there, one Jane Hooks, 112 years of age, who has her memory and appetite as well as when ſhe was but 20 years old, and has got a new ſet of teeth, which drove out the old ſtumps. *P. C. D P. Dec.* 18. —— *I think this* old Iriſh Woman *bids fairer for* immortality, *than either* Lewis le Grand, *or* King William.

Extract of a letter from Nevis, *Oct.* 18. —— Two days ago we had advice of a large Spaniſh ſhip being ſtranded upon the Reef of Anagada, which had on board a very large ſum of money: that ſince the accident, 6 ſloops of that nation had been there, and, upon ſuſpicion that the inhabitants had plundered her, and endeavoured to make a deſcent upon the Iſland; and had alſo taken an Engliſh ſnow and ſloop upon the like ſuſpicion or pretence. When the news came the Seahorſe man of war, Capt. Baker, was then in our road, who by advice of our Preſident, ſailed in purſuit of them; and if they do not juſtify their conduct by ſufficient authority, they may be deem'd Pirates, and ſuffer as ſuch. *D J. D P. Dec.* 16.

It is written from Boſton in New-England, Nov. 12. that Gov. Belcher received permiſſion to accept from the Aſſembly of that Province. the ſum of 5400 l. that currency (about 1800 l. ſterling) being agreeable to what they offered him for his ſupport to May next; but this conceſſion is not to be made a precedent; for after that time, he is to inſiſt on their complying with his Majeſty's inſtruction for fixing a certain ſalary on him during the time of his continuing their Governor. *D J. Dec.* 16.

FOREIGN NEWS.

FRIDAY, *Dec.* 17.

Paris, Dec. 10. N. S. On the 29th the Chambers met again, and the King's Advocates told them, That to their great grief they had brought a new letter *de cachet*. The purport of it was, that the King ordained, that the Parliament, before they went upon any buſineſs, ſhould read the former letter *de cachet*. At laſt it was read: and thereupon it was reſolved, that the Parliament ſhould go and complain to the King *in a body*, and proſtrate themſelves at his feet. The Firſt Preſident and the Preſident Pelletier, did all they could to prevent this reſolution; but the majority did not ſtick to ſay, 'That the Parlia-'ment ought not to ſuffer themſelves to be led by the noſe any 'longer; that their Deputies made what reports they 'pleaſed; and, that it was all a cheat. They ſet out therefore, the ſame afternoon, about 2, in 58 coaches and chaiſes for Marli, where they arrived at 4, and were all conducted into the *ſalon de la guerre*, or hall of war. They deſired the D. of Treſmes, Firſt Gentleman of the King's Bedchamber, to tell the King, his Parliament was come thither, humbly to make their complaints to him. The Duke, having delivered this meſſage, immediately came back to them, and told them, 'it was with a great deal of con-'cern, that he was obliged to acquaint them, that the 'King was abſolutely determined not to ſee or hear them.' However, they would not take this for a repulſe; but intreated the Duke to uſe his intereſt with the King to get them an audience. Thereupon he returned to his Majeſty, but ſoon brought them this thundering meſſage, 'That his Majeſty commanded them to depart immediate-'ly, upon pain of his diſpleaſure.' As they were going to their coaches, the Card. de Fleury returned from his ſeat at Iſſy, and ſeemed under ſome ſurprize to ſee the whole Parliament at Marli. His Eminency talked with the Firſt Preſident about half a quarter of an hour, and aſſured him, that he had a very great regard and eſteem for the Gentlemen of the Parliament. The Abbot de Pucelle anſwered him with ſome hard words; to which his Eminency made no reply, but went in and left them. —— *Dec.* 14. On tueſday the Firſt Preſident, and ſeveral Deputies of the Parliament, went to Verſailles, and had an audience of the King, but did not, (as we are informed) receive an anſwer to their ſatisfaction. *P.*

Francfort, Dec. 12. The Courts of Bavaria, Palatine, and Saxony, keep ſtill reſerved in the affair of the Pragmatick Sanction. *D P.*

SATURDAY, *Dec.* 18.

Rome, Nov. 24. The Chevalier de S. George, ſince his return from Albano with his family, has received the viſits of moſt part of the Cardinals: on the 14th the Princeſs Sobieſki, his conſort, went with a numerous train of Ladies to dine with the Nuns of S. Catherine de Sienna. *D P.*

This day arrived a Mail from France

Paris, Dec. 22. Mr. Marechal, the King's Firſt Surgeon, has obtained his Majeſty's Letters Patents for eſtabliſhing an Academy of Surgery at the Louvre, to be compoſed of 40 Surgeons, and 20 Pupils, none of which are to keep any ſhop. —— The 12th was committed to the Chatelet, a Water Carrier, accuſed of raviſhing 5 girls, of between 5 and 10 years old, 2 whereof are lamed. *E P.* —— *This ſhews the occaſion there is for ſuch an* Academy of Surgeons.

This day arrived 3 *Mails from* Flanders.

Bruſſels, Dec. 19. The ſhips deſigned from Oſtend will not ſail for the Eaſt Indies till January. *S J.*

Hague, Dec. 10. Their High Mightineſſes aſſembled yeſterday; and the ſame day arrived a Courier from M. Bruyninx, our Ambaſſador at Vienna, with letters of the laſt importance. *S J.*

Vienna, Dec. 8. Count Leuwenwolde, the Ruſſian Miniſter, has notified to his Imperial Majeſty the concerted marriage of the Prince Royal of Pruſſia with the Princeſs of Mecklembourg: 'tis aſſured his Excellency brought likewiſe the declaration of her Czariſh Majeſty touching her acceſſion to the Vienna treaty. 'Tis given out, not only that the Turks have gained a victory over the Perſians, but a greater than has been known for 200 years paſt, 40,000 Perſians having been killed on the ſpot, and 100 pieces of cannon taken, with all their baggage. *L E.*

MONDAY, *Dec.* 12.

Hamburg, Dec. 14. The Czarina has put off her journey to Peterſburg, upon advice from Pultowa, that the Crim Tartars were advanced with an army of above 100,000 men to the frontiers of Ruſſia, in order to be at hand to give neceſſary orders. — Private letters from Stockholm adviſe, that M. Finck, the Britiſh Reſident, has received orders from his Court to declare to the Directors of the new Eaſt India Company, that if any Member of the Oſtend Company was concerned in that of Sweden, the Britiſh Court would take all meaſures imaginable to hinder the progreſs of that Company. *L E.*

Vienna, Dec. 12. N. S. Letters from Conſtantinople adviſe, that the laſt battle which was fought in Perſia, was a very bloody one, having laſted 7 hours; that the Turks, commanded by the Baſhaw of Babylon, loſt above 12,000 of their beſt troops, and a great number of Officers of di-

ſtinction; but that at laſt the Ottoman army gained the victory, having entirely defeated the Perſian infantry. They add, that the Turks took a conſiderable booty, all Prince Thamas's baggage remaining a prey to the victors; beſides 30 pieces of braſs cannon, and ſome of iron. *D P.*

Ratiſbon, Dec. 17. The affair of the Pragmatick Sanction did not come before the Dyet in the laſt Aſſembly, as was expected, as well on account of the abſence of the Bavarian Miniſter who is gone to Munich, as in regard to the words ſpoken on that occaſion by the Miniſter of Saxony, 'That as for his part, he had not received proper in-'ſtructions; beſides, in ſo important an affair, he thought 'it neceſſary to wait the return of an Electoral Miniſter. *D P. D J.*

Ship-news. It is written from Liſbon, the 14th, N. S. that the fleet then arrived from Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, was, in gold and diamonds, eſteemed the richeſt that ever came from thence. It is added, that in Brazil they had diſcovered a new mine of gold, richer and finer than any in the Country. —— From Marſeilles the 14th, that Don Carlos paſſed the river Aix, within 5 leagues of that City, the ſunday before, with a great retinue, for Antibes; that he travelled hard, in order to get to Italy as ſoon as poſſibly, on account of the great Duke's illneſs. *D J.*

TUESDAY, *Dec.* 21.

Hamburgh, Dec. 14. N. S. On the 12th certain foreign Miniſters preſented a memorial to the Magiſtrates concerning the ſhip Apollo, wherein they demanded that the ſaid ſhip ſhould be ſeized, with her cargo, ſhe having carried on a contraband trade in the Indies, contrary to the treaties, and made uſe of falſe or borrowed paſſes for that purpoſe: to which our Magiſtrates anſwered, that this being an affair of great importance, and ſome Powers being intereſted therein, they would not decide any thing in it: mean while moſt of the Apollo's cargo is ſold, and the reſt is to be ſold next week. *C.*

Warſaw, Dec. 12. 'Tis adviſed from Moſcow, that the new lines which they have been working upon for ſome years with 40,000 men, on the frontiers of Ukrania, to hinder the invaſion of the Tartars, are entirely finiſhed; and that the Ruſſian forces conſiſted of no leſs than 220,000 men, excluding the body of artillery, and 12,000 marines. *D P. D J.*

WEDNESDAY, *Dec.* 22.

Yeſterday arrived the Mails from France *and* Holland.

Hague, Dec. 21. N. S. The States of Holland ſeparated yeſterday, and are not to meet again till the beginning of the new year. They have conſented to the ſtate of the war as was propoſed by the general petition, which is the ſame as the laſt year. To ſupply the charges of the Province, it has been propoſed to augment the tax upon coaches. *C.*

Hague, Dec. 28. N. S. This morning the Duke of Lorrain ſet out from hence for Rotterdam, whence he is to go up to Nimeguen in a yacht; his equipage and baggage being to wait for him there. *Ibid.*

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